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FEDERAL HORTICULTURAL BOARD.

SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

APRIL, 1914.

QUARANTINE NOTICE.

Notice of Quarantine No. 14. Powdery scab of potato. (Effective on and after August 1, 1914.)

The fact has been determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, and notice is hereby given, that a dangerous potato disease, known as the powdery scab (*Spongospora subterranea*), not heretofore widely prevalent or distributed within and throughout the United States, exists in the State of Maine.

Now, therefore, I, B. T. Galloway, Acting Secretary of Agriculture, under the authority conferred by section 8 of the act approved August 20, 1912, known as the Plant Quarantine Act (37 Stat. L., p. 315), do hereby quarantine the State of Maine, and do, by this Notice of Quarantine No. 14, order that the common or Irish potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) shall not be moved or allowed to be moved from the State of Maine into or through any other State, Territory, or District of the United States in manner or method or under conditions other than those prescribed in the rules and regulations to be hereafter made and amendments thereto.

The foregoing quarantine shall become and be effective on and after August 1, 1914.

Done at Washington this 25th day of April, 1914.

Witness my hand and the seal of the United States Department of Agriculture.

[SEAL.] B. T. GALLOWAY,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

RETURN OF AMERICAN NURSERY STOCK FROM CANADA.

APRIL 8, 1914.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Department of Plant Pathology, inquiring whether a permit would be required for the return to the United States of American nursey stock shipped to points in Canada and there refused by the Canadian inspectors or by the consignees, for any reason, has just been referred to this board for attention.

The board ruled that the only means of returning such stock to the United States would be by permit, but that under these circumstances we would accept the original American certification in lieu of foreign certification. Permits may be requested and granted by telegraph if the necessary information is furnished.

For your information, I inclose copy of Circular No. 44, Office of the Secretary, which contains the Plant Quarantine Act and the rules and regulations drawn thereunder.

Yours very truly,

C. L. MARLATT,
Chairman of Board.

Mr. C. D. SOULE,
Agent Northern Pacific Railway Co., Sumas, Wash.

RULING AS TO NURSERY STOCK WHICH MAY ARRIVE WITHOUT FOREIGN CERTIFICATION.

Commercial shipments of nursery stock arrive from time to time from countries which maintain nursery stock inspection, on account of negligence on the part of the foreign shipper, without the necessary certificate of inspection attached to the invoice, and without the copy certificates attached to the individual containers.

The Federal Horticultural Board ruled, April 14, 1914, that such shipments would be allowed entry after inspection by an inspector of this department at the expense of the importer, and that the foreign shipper be warned that further shipments received from him unaccompanied by the required certificates of inspection will be refused entry.

ACTION ON NOTICES OF QUARANTINE NOS. 8, 9, AND 13.

Letter to Postmaster General.

APRIL 15, 1914.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL.

SIR: I inclose herewith copies of Notice of Quarantine No. 8 and Amendment No. 1 to said notice of quarantine, prohibiting the importation into the United States of cottonseed (including seed cotton) and cottonseed hulls from all foreign countries, with the exception of certain States in Mexico. I respectfully recommend that postmasters be advised of this quarantine and be instructed to return to country of origin all mail importations of the products mentioned.

I inclose also copies of Notice of Quarantine No. 9, prohibiting the importation of cottonseed (including seed cotton) and cottonseed hulls from the Territory of Hawaii on account of the pink boll worm of cotton; and Notice of Quarantine No. 13, prohibiting the importation from the Territory of Hawaii of certain fruits, nuts, and vegetables on account of the Mediterranean fruit fly and melon fly. The latter quarantine becomes effective May 1 and supersedes Notice of Quarantine No. 2, issued September 18, 1912, on account of the Mediterranean fruit fly.

I respectfully recommend that notices be transmitted to all postmasters of the Territory of Hawaii, calling their attention to these two quarantine orders and instructing them to use every means to see that none of the products mentioned be received for mailing to the mainland. Bananas and pineapples may be received for mailing, provided they are accompanied by a certificate of inspection, in accordance with the regulations prescribed under Notice of Quarantine No. 13. * * *

Very respectfully,

D. F. HOUSTON, *Secretary.*

Instructions to postmasters: Cottonseed and cottonseed hulls unmailable in Hawaii.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, April 23, 1914.

Postmasters in Hawaii are informed that, under the provisions of paragraph 1, section 478, Postal Laws and Regulations, all cottonseed and cottonseed hulls are, in view of Quarantine Order No. 9, issued by the Secretary of Agriculture on July 11, 1913, under the authority of the act of August 20, 1912, known as the Plant Quarantine Act, unmailable in Hawaii for transmission into or through any other State, Territory, or District of the United States, so long as such order of the Secretary of Agriculture remains in force. Postmasters in Hawaii shall inquire of all persons presenting parcels for mailing to any other State, Territory, or District of the United States whether they contain any cottonseed or cottonseed hulls, and shall exercise the greatest possible care to prevent the acceptance for mailing of such products.

A. M. DOCKERY,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

[The quarantine notice was published in connection with these instructions.]

Instructions to postmasters: Certain fruits, nuts, and vegetables unmailable in Hawaii.

OFFICE OF THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, April 23, 1914.

Postmasters in Hawaii are informed that, under the provisions of paragraph 1, section 478, Postal Laws and Regulations, the fruits, nuts, and vegetables, and other plant products named in Quarantine Order No. 13, issued by the Secretary of Agriculture on March 23, 1914, effective on and after May 1, 1914, under the authority of the act of August 20, 1912, known as the Plant Quarantine Act, are unmailable in Hawaii for transmission into or through any other State, Territory, or District of the United States so long as such order of the Secretary of Agriculture remains in force. Postmasters in Hawaii shall inquire of all persons presenting parcels for mailing to any other State, Territory, or District of the United States whether they contain any of the fruits, nuts, vegetables, or other plant products named in Notice of Quarantine No. 13, and shall exercise the greatest possible care to prevent the acceptance for mailing of any products which are unmailable.

Bananas and pineapples may be admitted to the mails in Hawaii for transmission to any other State, Territory, or District of the United States only when accompanied with a certificate issued by an inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture showing that such fruits have been inspected by that department and pronounced free from infestation by the Mediterranean fruit fly and the melon fly, and provided the fruits be placed in new containers or wrappers made of material approved by the inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture, and plainly marked on the outside with the name and address of the sender and that of the addressee.

The quarantine notice above referred to supersedes Quarantine Order No. 2, issued by the Secretary of Agriculture on September 28, 1912, published in the December, 1912, supplement to the Postal Guide.

A. M. DOCKERY,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

[The quarantine notice was published in connection with these instructions.]

Letter to Secretary of the Treasury.

APRIL 20, 1914.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you in relation to Quarantine No. 8, which prohibits the importation of cottonseed and cottonseed hulls from all countries, except certain localities in Mexico which are contiguous with cotton-growing districts of the United States, that the term "cottonseed" is understood to include the seed of the cotton in whatever form it may be offered for importation, and therefore includes what is known as "seed cotton," namely, the cottonseed with the lint still adhering thereto.

Seed cotton is only occasionally imported in small quantities for special experimental reasons, but its importation is just as dangerous as that of the ginned seed.

You are respectfully requested, therefore, to advise your collectors of customs that the prohibition in this quarantine applies to cottonseed, seed cotton, and cottonseed hulls from all foreign localities except the States of Lower California, Nuevo Leon, and Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Very respectfully, D. F. HOUSTON, *Secretary.*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

APRIL 16, 1914.

The Secretary of Agriculture has information that a dangerous potato disease, known as powdery scab (*Spongospora subterranea*), not heretofore widely prevalent or distributed within and throughout the United States, exists in the State of Maine.

It therefore becomes his duty to consider the advisability of restricting or prohibiting the shipment of the common or Irish potato from the State of Maine into or through any other State, Territory, or District of the United States.

In compliance with section 8 of the Plant Quarantine Act of August 20, 1912, a public hearing will be held at the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., at 10 o'clock a. m., April 21, 1914, in order that persons interested in the subject of this quarantine may be heard.

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